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Message from the New Friends President: Won't You Become a Friend of the Lynchburg Public Library?

Dear Readers,

If you are receiving this newsletter, you are someone who has supported our library, perhaps by participating in a fund-raising event, such as the semi-annual Kodiak shredding day or an author luncheon or the Lynchburg Reads gathering of book clubs. Or you may have contributed to the 40th anniversary endowment fund campaign, or served as a volunteer behind the scenes, or responded to our annual water bill insert, inviting you to join Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library (membership form inside).

The Friends organization, a 501(c)3 non-profit, began in 1964 as a group of concerned citizens who conducted a successful grassroots campaign to establish Lynchburg's first tax-supported public library for all citizens. Over almost 50 years now, the Friends have remained committed advocates for the library. A volunteer Friends Board meets five times a year, and its committees work closely with LPL staff, organizing



Happy 100th Birthday!

Library patron Janie Paris celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday, August 20. As of that day, 2,066 items had been checked out on her library card. According to her daughter, Gail, she isn't happy unless she has something to read and always has a couple of books on her nightstand. We wish her many more years of reading enjoyment!

events, applying for grants, and funding programs, services, and materials not covered in the City budget. Now, more than ever, our library needs its grassroots Friends, as challenging economic times continue to reduce public funding at every level of government. The Friends membership year coincides with our fiscal year, July 1-June 30, so it is time to ask for your renewed support or your new membership for 2012-13. Every membership matters!

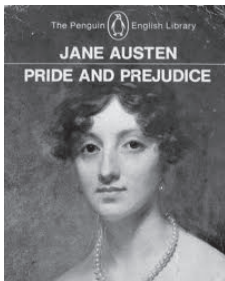
Thank you for being a Friend,
Mary Guthrow
Friends Board President

Our Special Thanks

With heartfelt thanks for her service, we bid a fond farewell to outgoing Friends of the Library President Michelle Jackson. Michelle joined the Friends Board in July 2007, and served 3 years as President. In 2012, when the branch library was threatened with closing for the second time in 3 years, she helped organize a public campaign to save it and represented the Friends by speaking before City Council. Her passionate and articulate advocacy for public library service influenced City Council's decision to restore the branch library's funding.

SPEAKING OF BOOKS at the Main Library

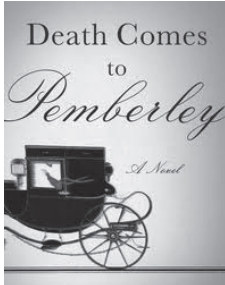
Come "talk books" at the Main Library. Readers gather on the third Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm for lively conversation about a selected title. No registration is necessary and light refreshments are served. Call Elisa Rollins at 455-6310 for further information. These are the books we are discussing this fall. [Summaries attributed to Amazon.com.]



***Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen**

September 19

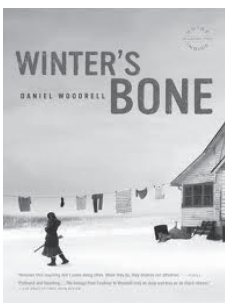
One of the most loved books of all time, *Pride and Prejudice* is Jane Austen's classic story of the love that blooms, is denied, and finally flourishes between the prideful Mr. Darcy and the prejudiced Elizabeth Bennet. A country squire of limited means, Mr. Bennet is faced with the monumental task of marrying off his five daughters, including his beloved Elizabeth, while surviving the antics of his wife, the plotting of the untrustworthy Wickham, and the arrogant Mr. Collins, who is entitled to inherit Mr. Bennet's property. Containing some of the most memorable characters to grace English literature, *Pride and Prejudice* is an enduring classic whose lessons of morality and responsibility continue to resonate with readers two centuries after it was first published.



***Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D. James**

October 17

P. D. James creates a tale of murder and emotional mayhem for the characters of Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice*. Six years after Elizabeth and Darcy started their life together at Pemberley, Darcy's magnificent estate, preparations are under way for their much-anticipated annual autumn ball. But their patrician idyll is shattered when Lydia, Elizabeth's disgraced sister, arrives, hysterically shrieking that Wickham, her husband, has been murdered. James masterfully re-creates the world of *Pride and Prejudice*, electrifying it with the excitement and suspense of a brilliantly crafted crime story.



***Winter's Bone: A Novel* by Daniel Woodrell**

November 21

Ree Dolly's father has skipped bail on charges that he ran a crystal meth lab, and the Dollys will lose their house if he doesn't show up for his next court date. With two young brothers depending on her, 16-year-old Ree knows she has to bring her father back, dead or alive. Living in the harsh poverty of the Ozarks, Ree learns quickly that asking questions of the rough Dolly clan can be a fatal mistake. But, as an unsettling revelation lurks, Ree discovers unforeseen depths in herself and in a family network that protects its own at any cost.



Free Computer Classes

Get connected to technology with free computer classes offered at the Library this fall. Taught in the Gates Lab of the Main Library, each class provides participants with instructional materials and hands-on experience. The classes teach basic and intermediate skills, covering topics such as using the mouse, Internet browsing, email accounts, file management, saving and backing up data, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word. Anyone interested can call Elisa Rollins at 455-6318 for details and registration or check our website for a complete schedule.

Mobile Apps Now Connect You to the Library

The Library is now accessible to patrons on the go with free mobile apps for both Android and Apple products. **Boopsie** and **BookMyne** both allow patrons to search the library's catalog, request books, and access their library card information. For example, you can now scan a book's ISBN number into either application to instantly search the library's catalog for that book.

Boopsie also provides direct access to OverDrive for free eBook downloads as well as to the library's blog and Facebook page. **BookMyne** also links to extensive book reviews and bestseller lists to help you locate books of interest.

Another free app, **Access My Library** (find it by searching for "Gale"), is a

collection of both general and specific databases of thousands of magazine and journal articles for such areas of interest as business, computers, cooking, gardening, and music and the fine arts.

The Library also now has a **QR code** to give mobile phone users a direct link to the Library's website.

For further information on any of these apps, call the Adult Reference Desk at 455-6310.



Kodiak Shredding – Back by Popular Demand! Saturday, October 20, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Friends' next Kodiak shredding event, at the Main Library, will provide another opportunity to safely dispose of financial, tax and personal papers. You can view the entire process and be assured that all your papers are completely shredded. Cost for shredding is \$10.00 for an 18"x18"x24" box. Shred your papers and make a gift to the Friends as well. For more information, call 455-6310.



September is "Get a Library Card" Month

As Lynchburg's students head back to school this year, the Lynchburg Public Library wants to make sure that all children have the most important school supply of all – a library card. Owning a library card provides students free access to the resources they need to compete academically. For more information on how to sign up for a free library card, visit the library in person or visit the library online at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary.



MAIN LIBRARY

2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 am-5:30 pm
Tues., Thurs.
9:30 am-8:00 pm

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6336

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

Mon. & Wed.
9:30 am-5:30 pm
Tues. & Thurs.
9:30 am-1:00 pm
Friday-closed

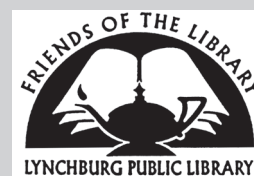
BOTH LIBRARIES CLOSED

Saturday & Monday,
September 1 & 3
Labor Day

Thursday & Friday,
November 22 & 23
Thanksgiving

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on Facebook, or at our blog
<http://lyncburgpubliclibrary.wordpress.com>



We Welcome New Friends Board Members

Anne Alfieri, Paula Bryant, Jean Stewart

...and We Thank Retiring Members

Leslie King, Harriet Whitten



Gifts to the Library

The Friends of the Library gratefully acknowledges gifts from the following individuals:

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Mauldin

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Did You Know...

The Virginia Dept. for the Blind and Visually Impaired Library has a collection of 58,000 audiotaped titles and 7700 audio digital cartridge titles, 4200 LP books and 560 descriptive videos and DVDs to loan free of charge to Virginia residents who are visually disabled. Material, and the readers on which to view them, are sent through the mail. Applications for this service may be downloaded from your computer (www.vdbvi.org/libr_services.htm) or picked up at either library.

Upcoming Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Library Board	Tuesday, September 11	4 pm	Community Room
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Visitors are always welcome at Board Meetings.



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